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Letter dated 21 August 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to draw your attention to a grave act of terrorism which was perpetrated today in Israel by Palestinian extremists.

At 7.50 a.m. local time, a Palestinian terrorist detonated a bomb on a commuter bus travelling in rush-hour traffic in Jerusalem's Ramat Eshkol neighbourhood. The explosion destroyed two buses that were travelling along the same street. According to the latest accounts, 4 Israelis were killed and over 100 were injured.

Sources from the fundamentalist organization Hamas have claimed responsibility for the attack, which was carried out by a terrorist who entered the bus armed with a pipe bomb.

The attack was intended not only to kill innocent Israelis, but to derail the peace process as well. The attacker and those who sent him are enemies of peace and of the people of the Middle East who seek an end to hatred and violence.

Israel will not allow terrorism to destroy the progress made thus far in implementing the Declaration of Principles signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) on 13 September 1993. Israel remains committed to working with the Palestinians towards achieving peace. Yet, Israel will continue to take all measures necessary to combat terrorism in order to ensure

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the security of its citizens. This is a difficult day for Israel, but the timetable for negotiations should not be affected, except for a period of mourning.

Israel calls upon all Member States to condemn unequivocally this terrorist attack, and to oppose those States and organizations that promote terrorism. It also calls upon Member States to join in supporting the peace process.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 149 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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